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And surface pleasure, but beneath

The childish glamor let us find
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"THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL" *IN* *THE PEOPLES CHURCH*

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Never has The Peoples Church had such a glorious and inspiring Christmas! The generosity of members and many friends of the Church enabled us to bring cheer and gladness to many hearts. We were able to give Christmas dinners to 1240 persons, and the baskets held such an abundance of staples and canned goods that the supply would last some days beyond Christmas. Celebration of the Christmastide in the Church began with the annual Candle-Light Service Sunday evening, December 18th. The Candle-Light Service followed the Christmas play, "Why the Chimes Rang," a one act play by Elizabeth McFadden, interesting, mystic, beautiful—most artistically produced by The Uptown Players. A musical accompaniment specially composed for the occasion by Lulu Jones Downing was softly played on the organ by Philip Jorgensen back of a velvet drop curtain. The Christmas play and the Candle-Light Service have become a tradition with The Peoples Church, and each year it seems more beautiful. The Church was filled to capacity and so many turned away that the program was repeated Monday and Wednesday evenings. Wednesday evening

being the regular Book Lecture night, only the play was presented, omitting the Candle-Light Service, and following the play, Dr. Bradley reviewed the charming Christmas story "A Town is Born," by Tom Sayres. On Tuesday evening the Men's Club held their holiday meeting, Thursday night the Choir presented a Christmas Cantata "The Christ Child" by Hawley. And Friday the Church School held a Christmas party with a Christmas tree, and gave a dramatization of Dickens "Christmas Carol." Sunday, Christmas day, three services were held in the Church. At 9:30 A. M. for those who could not come later, at which service Dr. Bradley preached on the subject "No Room for Him." At the regular 11:00 o'clock service his sermon subject was "Modern Angels and Shepherds," and at 7:30 P. M. on "The Quest for Happiness." Thus the Church closed its Yuletide—but not the door of fellowship—and helpfulness—of sympathy and joy and good-will! It has been a busy and happy time for us all—and now we must do our best to have the spirit of Christmas linger throughout the year!

G. B.

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MEDITATION

"We remember, infinite Heart of Love, because of the many, many past years in our lives, we remember so well this morning the joy and happiness which is to be crystalized and projected everywhere, where men look to love and light as the source of their association, in these next few days, and we would have it as the deepest desire of our hearts and minds that we prepare adequately that when the opportunity arises for this great outburst of love and happiness and kindness, we might be equipped and prepared for the experience.

We still have a fortnight and there is still time, might we undergo such a process of cleansing that every ignoble and unkind thought might be eradicated from our minds, every base affection removed from our hearts, hatred minimized into nothingness, while each of us might evidence in the environment in which we live and move, those manifestations of harmony and peace and love which will make this Christmas the happiest, the finest Christmas any of us have ever known! Might we prepare for that, not by being considerate or selfish of our own feelings or our own emotions, but that we might be as nearly perfect a medium as it is possible for us to become through which the higher realization and deeper meaning of the truth of this season of the year might be revealed more definitely and more effectively. Might we take time to commune with the higher reality of things, might we self examine, might we see what those influences and agencies are which may be disturbing the highest appreciation of life. Might we take a survey of ourselves and see what our selfishness is doing to the dedication of life's highest and most beautiful experience. Might we prepare for this high manifestation of love and then the influence of our individual relation will

blend itself with the larger forces of society and the first thing we know there will be economic and industrial adjustments in the social order, the first thing we know nations will have a little more kindly attitude toward nations, the first thing we know there will be concrete evidences of the softening of men's hatreds, and the utter incompetency and inability of hatred to do anything of permanent, constructive creativeness for the world, and somehow may this imperishable truth that is behind the whole attitude of the Christmas light and spirit break through the hearts and minds of all men. Help us prepare for that moment by an individual preparation; help us cleanse our minds and hearts, help us to be constantly seeking and looking about to see where we can give evidence of love and gratitude. Help us to be considerate in our daily tasks. Help us as we pass about the crowds of the city, help us in the crowded stores and shops, help us in the anxieties of business, help us in the cares of domestic life, help us in the suffering of loved ones, help us that we might become so radiant with the beauty of love that our coming and going will be a benediction and people will get the contagion of what love means.

This is the greatest need we feel in our hearts for all this troubled world, and love all might we keep open between our heart and Thine the great highway of energy, knowing that if that highway is unobstructed nothing of earth can interfere, nothing of self can intrude, nothing of destructiveness can have power, that our heart and Thy heart are together and with that unity we can spread love and kindness and tolerance and goodness and fineness, and then evil and discord and hatred shall have no power, no power at all, they will be as nothing, annihilated by the power of love!"

"A SECRET FOR CHRISTMAS"

Sermon by Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of The Peoples Church
of Chicago, December 11, 1938.

"Walking happens to be one of my recreations as well as one of my hobbies; I very much prefer to walk than to ride. I never ride when I can walk, and it would be a Godsend if some of you automobile slaves would do the same thing. There are more people that are creating future difficulties for themselves physically by their slavery to the automobile than almost any other thing in our modern life. I know people who cannot go a block without getting into an automobile. If they have to go to the corner drug store they have to go down the stairs and get into an automobile. I am very grateful that the automobile has no tyranny for me and that I am not in slavery in that particular. You would be much better off if you would do more walking.

The sermon this morning was born out of the reactions which I have had on some of my walks and strolls in the congested areas of our city. At every opportunity I like to get out and march with humanity. While I love the solitude of the woods, and the forests, and streams, and feel that I must feed my soul at a certain time and period of the year by just as close proximity to the beauty of Nature as I possibly can, yet I love humanity, I simply do; I just love human beings, a human being to me is so vastly more important and so much more deeply significant than any other influence in my life, that at this time of the year in particular, I deliberately set out and walk, as I did yesterday, the whole length of State Street on both sides, and walk, as I do, at every opportunity, with the crowds and mobs of people in our congested areas. It does something to me—it does something to

me which I can hardly explain. I look at their faces, I watch their mannerisms, and if you see me some time hanging around a Department Store counter watching people make purchases, please don't get excited and go and tell the store detective that there is a suspicious-looking individual hanging around that counter, what I am doing is trying to study people a little more closely. You remember Alexander Pope's book 'The Study of Mankind,' and, of course, Pope told us that the proper study of mankind is man, the proper study of mankind is man, and so, during this season of the year, I have been taking every available 15 or 20 minutes to walk. I can do a mile in fifteen minutes, a good walker can walk four miles an hour if he walks properly, and I have been taking every 15 minutes or half hour which I possibly could to study in the throes of this great imperative of trying to do something for someone at Christmastime.

I am told by the Chicago Association of Commerce that the City of Chicago is giving evidence of having one of the finest Christmases which it has ever had since the depression of 1929. I am told that from a commercial point of view we are approaching one of the finest Christmases that we have ever had, at any rate, in many years, and judging by the vast multitudes of people who seem to be concerned about making somebody else happy at Christmastime, that seems to be true and it is a good thing to think over.

And I think perhaps I might say, in a very simple and humble way this morning, not as an adviser, and certainly not as a preacher, but rather as a friend, that there might be a secret or

two about this Christmas matter that would bring all of us, in the fever and in the rush and the anxiety of these pre-Christmas days, something that would unlock for us a little deeper appreciation and a little more opportunity for the commemoration when the day itself dawns. Anticipation is very much better than realization, and Christmas preparation is vastly superior to even the Christmas itself, and the real value of the Christmas is not that we pour all of our love within 24 hours of one particular day of the year, quite the contrary, the real value is to be found in the proper training and equipment by which in the preceding days we build for the appreciation of the day itself. I have seen more Christmas days ruined, RUINED, by people who meant well, who worked hard, who kept up a feverish energy until past midnight of Christmas Eve and then awakened on Christmas morning and said: 'Well, Christmas, I'll be glad when this day is over! And the very thing that they had worked for and hoped to come to pass they missed entirely, and all day long they had a headache, or a stomachache, or were nervous and irritable. Is it not strange that what ought to be one of the happiest days in the year in the home sometimes turns out to be the most irritable? I have known people on Christmas day to be positively inhuman because they had just burdened and tired themselves into such a dither that when Christmas day dawned they didn't want anybody to speak to them, and there is many a father and mother that have planned for months for their children and have hoped, and planned, and worked, and then when Christmas day dawns the father hardly has enough energy to make a monopoly of the boy's toys, to make the electric engine work and the derrick that lifts bags of sand; he hardly has energy enough to take the toys from the children, as most of them do, by Christmas morning.

At the same time, is there a secret preparation that we can all make, all of you here and on the air, that we can really have a Christmas this year so that we will come to that morning refreshed, rested, our souls quiet, our minds at peace, and our hearts at ease, so that we can enter right into the enjoyment of that day?

Well, of course, I think there is a secret and I would like to pass it on to you this morning in the simplicity of this morning message to you, because, of course, if there ever was a Christmas in all the centuries that was needed, and if Christmas was ever needed, it is needed now! Why I never remember when the world needed Christmas more than it needs it now—actually **needs** it. Let us prepare for it, and the preparation must be of a spiritual character, a spiritual character which depends upon our persistency to understand the law of love, and then how to take the law of love and make it operative in our lives —**THAT'S THE SECRET!**

Now, some of you remember BLT, whom I mentioned earlier in the service this morning, in the reading, that he organized a society—what would this world be unless there were people in it that could organize societies? One of the great charms, it seems to me, one of the most outstanding ambitions of people is to organize something. I get more stuff in my mail of literature where people have organized something! There is an organization for everything under the sun except an organization against organizations, and I am thinking of starting that. We have anti-this and anti-that, and pro-this and pro-that; there are about 7,000 schemes that have already been organized in America to save America. Nobody has thought of saving America on the basis of each individual being saved first, that's a bigger problem. It is much simpler to save the world than to save ourselves. I tried

that in the early days of my ministry, I started out, and I am looking at some people now who heard the explosions of my inane experience in those early days, I had all the burdens of the world on my shoulders and I was going to save it. I worked at it four or five years and then concluded that I had taken in too much territory, that I couldn't get that much done with the time at my disposal, so I thought I would just save the United States and for several years I started out to save the United States. In 1912 I got quite excited, I thought that we could save it, politically, by electing Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, so I went out and worked hard, speaking two or three times a day, to elect Theodore Roosevelt. We might have saved it, I don't know, but we elected Woodrow Wilson. Then I thought, well, now, maybe I had better just tackle the State of Illinois. You see, I was not getting anywhere. And so, you will remember, for two or three years I was very much concerned about the State of Illinois, then Mr. Small was elected Governor, and things went on, and they are still going on, and then, of course, I said, 'Maybe I had better confine my energies to Chicago,' and probably the less said about that, the better. Now I have come to the conclusion in the quiet intimacy of this conversational sermon this morning that perhaps one of the secrets about saving the world, the United States, the State of Illinois, and Chicago, is to be quite certain that deep in my own consciousness I have made a mental disarmament and that the inner structure of any contribution which I might be trying to make to help humanity should begin with being quite certain and quite sure that that inner reality which is me, and you, is saved itself, not on the basis of selfishness, and certainly not on the basis of superiority, but on the basis of being a place to begin in which larger areas of

the larger groups might be awakened and aroused to the fundamental concepts of brotherhood and love. It does not behoove me, or any man, to talk about brotherhood when there is any hate in my own heart. It does not do any good for me to become eloquent and wax enthusiastic about injustice to the Negro or Jew, or any other minority group, unless I am quite certain that deep down in my own heart I have removed all animosity and all hatred, and when I come in contact with the type of people who want to merely organize something, I am thinking about BLT when he organized what was called the 'Spug' society. He organized a society which he called the Spug. Do you know what that stood for? It was the society for the prevention of useless giving, a "Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving." And along about this time of the year Mr. Taylor always resurrected his society and he made a great campaign against Useless Giving. I want to resurrect the society today for the purpose of opposing it because I don't believe in it. The fact of the matter is I believe in the contrary, I believe in useless giving and I believe that one of the secrets that will open up happiness on Christmas day will be found when we give something to somebody else on some other basis than the basis that it will be useful.

Now I know that that is a bit of heresy, but I am going to tell you a secret and it is right out of a page of my own book of life. I appreciate gifts, everybody does, (I am not throwing out any hints, but I do appreciate gifts) and I am always glad to get them, although it is nothing more than a little personal postcard that costs a penny, and we all appreciate it, of course, but here is a secret just between you and me: I never thrilled down deep in my heart, really thrilled, to a gift that was given to me because I needed it or because it was useful, it is like the man who gives his wife a

washing machine, or the wife who gives her husband a lawn mower. Why! if there is one time in the whole year when we ought to give people something not because they need it, grateful as they would be, not because it is useful, but it is something that would gladden their heart, some simple, little thing that is personal. Why! that makes the gladdest Christmas day that I know of, and there isn't any greater happiness than preparing and thinking,—that makes the surprise, and what's Christmas without a surprise? And no matter if you get something that you need, that is no surprise, something you can use, that's no surprise, but when something bobs up on Christmas day, it may be just the smallest little thing all your very own given by someone that loves you and something that you didn't have to have, and something you could live without, why, there is a little expression of happiness! I know there is a little expression of happiness that does not happen at any other time!

Here is an example or two now; I am going to be severely criticized for this sermon, I am going to get letters this week that will say to me: 'O, Doctor Bradley, what do you mean by such nonsense!' 'Why, don't you know that there are people who cannot afford to give anything except what their loved ones need?' Of course, I do, but I do know that the same people, it might not cost a dollar, and it might not cost fifty cents, they may find some little thing — that is the secret that I had for you this morning, they may find some little thing for the soul, and not merely for the head, or hands, or feet, or to put around your neck, but something that will be appropriate to the soul, and you would be surprised what a little thing like that can do to make Christmas. But people wait until the last moment and rush into the stores all tired out. I have looked at the girls in the department stores and

people purchasing and I saw the anxiety and the fever of it all, and I thought, only a week between Christmas and New Year's Day, just one week, but a whole year between New Year and Christmas, a whole year to get ready for Christmas, and some of you won't be ready. Christmas morning at nine o'clock, in a feverish haste, you will be bundling up a package, you will be breathless, you will be walking the floor, and then the tragedy when suddenly you remember that you have forgotten somebody. Then you will wonder if you can get into a store yet because they are coming in at five o'clock that afternoon, or coming to dinner! How silly, how silly to spoil the joy of that whole day!

Now there are two things that I am going to pass on to you, because I want your Christmas to be happy, I want it to be the happiest Christmas that you have ever had, two things, the first is this: don't be so concerned about whether they need it or not, a little luxury doesn't hurt anybody and I believe in it — luxury is the 'plus' of life, and although his necktie is fraying, go out tomorrow and buy one and give it to him and have the matter over; go out and get him that pair of shoes, he needs it, of course, I believe in buying things that we need, I have had lots of lovely things given to me that I needed and I enjoyed them, but it is Christmas! and that's different. I am not opposing purchasing things. I warrant you that some merchant will write me tomorrow and he will say: 'Dr. Bradley, I am surprised at you.' I can't help it, it is a time for surprises, it is the Christmas time, and you should be grateful for the surprises, first. Don't stop there! Don't stop there! Do you want me to give you a couple of illustrations that I just thought of? You know, in the country over in Michigan, where I come from, we have what we call 'County Farms' those farms are

for our poor people and our elderly people. I hope there will come a day when it will not be necessary to have to go into an institution called the 'County Poor Farm,' but at this time of the year various church workers' committees, and people, are always very anxious to do something for the men and women in our county farms, and most of them laudable and fine, but, of course, it is everything they **need**, and there was a committee once that went to one of the County Farms and they saw an indigent old gentleman, he was there as an inmate of that county institution, he had lost everything, old and poor, and to me that's almost the greatest tragedy of life, to be **old and poor**. You can stand poverty most any other time. A little child cannot have the deep consciousness of its agony up to a certain age, but when you have got your life behind you, 50, 60, 70 years of life, then to be poor and old, that's a great tragedy. Well, these people on this committee went to this home and here was an old, old man, and they said to him, 'Uncle, what would you like for Christmas?' and what do you suppose he said, 'I want a sack of lemons.' Lemons? By God, yes, a sack of lemons; I have been here in this place for years, and I have never had a lemon and I want some lemons.' Now what do you think of that? That's true, it happened one Christmas morning, and that old man got a dozen lemons in a sack and he was as happy as a child. He went around the place and said, 'At last I am going to taste lemon juice and water—I like that.' Two girls at one time were discussing what they were going to get for their mothers, and one girl said, 'Well, you see I am going to get my mother on Christmas morning a dozen red roses and a beautiful little vial of the most exquisite scent that I can possibly buy, because mother loves red roses and she loves lovely scents,' and the other girl look-

ed at her and said, 'O my! that's terrible, that's just a waste of money, isn't there something your mother needs, she certainly doesn't need roses and she doesn't need scent.' 'Yes, there are many things my mother needs and my mother is going to get those things, but she is also going to get something that she doesn't need, she is going to get roses and a bottle of perfume,' and she turned to this girl and said, 'What are you giving to your mother?' 'A new tablecloth, we need a new tablecloth in our home, (**WE need** a new tablecloth in our home!) and I am going to get my mother a new tablecloth,' and the other girl said to her, 'Isn't there something that your mother really wants that would not be a community gift?' These folks that give other folks something for the home, it is all right to get things for the home, now don't misunderstand me! I am trying so hard to make myself understood, and I know that I am going to be misunderstood, make an effort to understand me, get things for the home, of course, always, but something else, and this girl said to the question, 'Doesn't your mother really want something that she doesn't need?' and what do you think she said? 'Yes, yes, mother has always wanted a gold thimble, one of her life-long wishes was to have a gold thimble. I have heard her say it a hundred times, but you know I am not going to get her a gold thimble, she has a half dozen silver thimbles, but she wants a gold thimble.' That's what I mean—a secret for Christmas—get mother a gold thimble, a few roses and a bottle of scent, and Dad—a sack of lemons! Let's not be too worried about the practical aspect of this thing called Christmas.

And then one more thing and one alone: I am going to do all I can between now and Christmas day, and I pass it on to you, to see if I can find somebody, someone who would not have any Christmas at all except for me.

Who are we going to miss? What a year to see that someone is going to have Christmas, **Christmas**, who might have had no Christmas at all without you and without me.

The little boy looking in the shop window, nearby a man is looking into the same window. The man looking at the toys, the funny little whirl-i-gigs, the fascinating inventions in toyland, his hand in his pocket, alone, the little lad, tousled hair and battered old cap over one ear, ragged trousers and a shabby little coat, shoes worn, he looks at the toys too, and the little lad said, 'Gee, I wish I had a Dad!' and the Dad said, 'Gee, I wish I had a lad!' For every homeless child in America there is a childless home, and for every 'dadless' lad there is a 'ladless' Dad. You lads and dads, get together! You mothers with a heart of a mother but who have never known the beauty of birth, you little girls that have never known the sweetness of mother love, get together, get together, it is Christmas, Christmas!"

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DR. BRADLEY KEPT THE FOLLOWING ENGAGEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1938

- 1—Address. Oak Park Club.
Oak Park.
Address. Unitarian Church.
Hinsdale.
- 2—Radio address. WBBM.
Book Lecture. Peoples Church.
- 3—Address. North Shore Rotary Clubs. Northbrook, Ill.
Ushers' dinner and address. Peoples Church.
- 4—Address. Woman's Protestant Service Club. Stevens Hotel.
Radio address. WBBM.
- 6—Two sermons. Peoples Church.
- 7—Radio address. WBBM.
Address. PTA Pierce School
- 8—Address. Unitarian Church.
Hinsdale.

- 9—Address. Hertzl Jr. College.
Chicago.
Radio address. WBBM.
Book Lecture. Peoples Church.
- 10—Two addresses. Duluth, Minn.
- 11—Radio address. WBBM.
Address. English Speaking Union. Drake Hotel.
- 13—Two sermons. Peoples Church.
- 14—Address. Society for Crippled Children. Palmer House.
Meeting. Board of Directors. Chicago Public Library.
Radio address. WBBM.
Meeting. Board of Trustees. Peoples Church.
- 15—Address. Inter-Racial Community Council. Regal Theater.
Meeting. Lakeview Hospital Board.
Address. Unitarian Church. Hinsdale.
- 16—Radio address. WBBM.
Book Lecture. Peoples Church.
- 17—Address. Civic Clubs of Northwest Side. Irving Park YMCA.
Dedication address. Theodora Home for Evicted Mothers and Children.
Radio address. WBBM.
Address. Unitarian Alliance, Chicago Woman's Club.
- 18—Radio address. WBBM.
Address. Woman's Neighborhood Club. Rogers Park.
- 20—Two sermons. Peoples Church.
- 21—Address. Chicago Recreation Commission.
Radio address. WBBM.
Dinner meeting. Lakeview Hospital.
Address. Lincoln School. Evanston, Ill.
- 22—Address. Non - Sectarian League luncheon.
Radio address. WBBM.
Address. Abbott Laboratories. North Chicago, Ill.
- 23—Address. Memorial Service for Pauline Palmer. Goodman Theater.
Radio Address. WBBM.

- Book Lecture. Peoples Church.
- 24—Thanksgiving service. Peoples Church.
Radio address. WBBM.
- 25—Radio address. WBBM.
Meeting. Lakeview Hospital.
- 26—Radio address. Montparnasse Forum.
- 27—Two sermons. Peoples Church.
- 28—Address. Logan Square Congregation.
Radio address. WBBM.
- 29—Address. Memorial Craftsman. Stevens Hotel.
Address. Tenth Annual Dinner, North Shore Animal Shelter, Evanston Hotel.
Radio address. WBBM.
- 30—Address. Glass Distributors. Blackstone Hotel.
Radio address. WBBM.
Book Lecture. Peoples Church.

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WEDDINGS
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November, 1938

- 2—Charles W. Bohnett and Florence L. Kemp.
- 12—Bernard S. Whelpley and Alma Waters.
- 19—Waldo Steenbock and Isabel Berna Lee Bauldry
- 23—Ralph Alschuler and Hazel Sharkey
- 23—James Whiting and Hazel Kessler.
- 24—Edward Brooks and Charlotte Wojciechowski
- 28—Jack L. Selle and Virginia Brooks.

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FUNERALS
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November, 1938

- 4—Alfred H. Marshall. Interment, Graceland.
- 5—Mrs. H. Roner. Interment, Acacia Park.
- 7—Mrs. James McGehan. Interment, Acacia Park.
- 9—Miss Elizabeth Ingham. Interment, Graceland.
- 14—Noble D. Soper. Interment, Oakwoods.
Roy Dahl. Interment, Oakwoods.

- 21—Byron Miller. Interment, Ohio.
Leopold Saltiel. Interment, Graceland.
- 26—George Einar Wods. Interment, Rosehill.
- 28—Mrs. Ralph Atlass. Interment, Rosehill.
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- Miss Lama Begin,
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4251 Broadway
- Mrs. Alice E. Mason,
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- Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Meyer,
6132 S. Vernon Avenue
- Mrs. Annie Follett Nelson,
4654 Kenmore Avenue
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4107 N. Damen Avenue
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THE WOMAN'S CLUB AWARDS A SCHOLARSHIP

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A long cherished dream of the Woman's Club was brought to fulfillment Sunday Oct. 30th, 1938 at the morning service in The Peoples Church, when Miss Adalaide Thomason, chairman of the Educational Department of the Club, was invited to the platform by Dr. Bradley and presented the scholarship award to Edward Redman of Meadville Theological School, associated with the University of Chicago. President Sidney Snow of Meadville and Prof. Charles Lyttle were guests on the platform, as was also Mr. Redman. Dr. Snow gave a short address, speaking in behalf of the school. In presenting the scholarship Miss Thomason said:

"In a recent educational journal the following statement appeared:

"A democracy is the type of government that demands much education. An uneducated democracy is no democracy at all; it is a mob."

"Granting that statement to be true, America would stress more education, not less. As the poet has so beautifully expressed it, 'What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to a human soul.'"

"During the past year The Woman's Club of The Peoples Church interested in the progress of education, initiated a scholarship fund and is today

making an award to an honor student in the Meadville Theological School, in training for the Liberal ministry, Mr. Edward Redman.

"Mr. Redman, in the name of The Woman's Club of The Peoples Church, this scholarship is awarded you with the hope that it may prove a stepping stone toward the goal you have set for yourself in the cause of Liberal religion, a religion more needed in the world today than ever before. Not only The Woman's Club of The Peoples Church but the Church itself will have your welfare at heart.

"May your ministry, in service to humanity, be a constant inspiration to all with whom you come in contact, and the words of the familiar proverb be a daily guide on the roadway of life, 'Live truly and thy life shall be a great and noble creed.'"

Mr. Redman expressed his appreciation briefly, giving way to Dr. Snow and Dr. Bradley. Mr. Redman said:

"It is with a feeling of deep responsibility and gratitude that I accept this expression of your interest in my preparation for the ministry. I know how much you esteem the role of a minister today. I know how much the work of a minister means to everyone of you, for many of you have already told me. I am resolved now, more than ever before, to give everything that is in me to the work of the liberal church. Thank you most heartily."

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THE BOOK LECTURES

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The Wednesday evening book lectures continue to attract a multitude of people who either read or do not have time to read the literature of the day, and come to hear Dr. Bradley's reviews and philosophic deductions. Some authors who have come to hear him lecture on their "brain-child" have said that Preston Bradley puts more in and gets more out of their own book than they had any idea they had written! That

is interesting, isn't it? The books for December have been so interesting it will be difficult to match them for January. But here is the list:

Jan. 4th "As Once You Were" by A. S. M. Hutchinson, author of that never to-be-forgotten book, a few years ago "If Winter Comes."

Jan. 11th "Paderewski's Memoirs."

Jan. 18th "Horse and Buggy Doctor" by Arthur E. Hertzler.

Jan. 25th "Rebecca" by Daphne de Maurier.

There you are — what do you think of them? Of course you won't want to miss a single lecture. Come early! The lectures begin at 8:00 o'clock on the split second!

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DR. BRADLEY'S BOOKS

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Bradley, Bobbs-Merrill, Publishers of Indianapolis and New York published the last volume written by Dr. Bradley entitled "Power From Right Thinking." This book is dedicated to the congregation of the church and makes a lasting memento of the anniversary. The book may be purchased in any of the better book stores, and department store book sections in this country. If you are not near a book store orders may be sent direct to the publisher at Indianapolis.

The two former books: "Courage For Today" and "Mastering Fear" are also available. The price is \$1.50 per volume. These three books contain the philosophy of our pastor which in the spoken word have inspired and helped so many people. They occupy a place all their own in inspirational contemporary literature.

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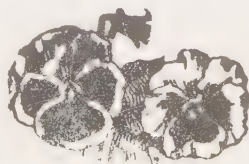
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